

1   **Claims**

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3   1.   An apparatus for practising golf shots,  
4   comprising:

5       a body portion;

6       a first adjustment means which is adapted to  
7   vary the height of the body portion at a first  
8   point;

9       a second adjustment means which is adapted to  
10   vary the height of the body portion at a second  
11   point.

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13   2.   Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
14   body portion is adapted to form a slope between the  
15   first and second points, said slope having a curved  
16   profile.

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18   3.   Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2,  
19   wherein the body portion comprises a putting portion  
20   over which a ball is adapted to travel and  
21   preferably a stance-board to support the user.

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23   4.   Apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the  
24   stance-board is placeable at any side of the putting  
25   portion.

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27   5.   Apparatus as claimed in claim 3 or claim 4,  
28   wherein the stance board and the putting portion  
29   both have adjustment means.

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31   6.   Apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the  
32   stance board has at least four adjustment means with

1 at least four of the adjustment means being provided  
2 at different points.

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4 7. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 3 to  
5 6, wherein the putting portion comprises a support  
6 portion and a contacting portion, and in use, the  
7 contacting portion is provided over the support  
8 portion and contacts a golf ball.

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10 8. Apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the  
11 support portion comprises a plurality of support  
12 portion panels, each support portion panel  
13 supporting a part of the contacting portion and  
14 being connectable to at least one adjacent support  
15 portion panel by engagement means.

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17 9. Apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the  
18 engagement means are inter-engaging castellations  
19 provided on edges of the panels

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21 10. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 3 to  
22 9, wherein the putting portion has at least four  
23 pairs of adjustment means and as such at least eight  
24 different points that are variable in height.

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26 11. Apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the  
27 putting portion is made from a material flexible  
28 enough to be able to form a slope between the points  
29 of the adjustment means when the vertical heights at  
30 the points are different, but rigid enough such that  
31 it does not sag between the points when the vertical  
32 height at the points are equal.

1 12. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 3 to  
2 11, wherein at least two apertures are provided in  
3 the putting portion, the apertures being sized to  
4 receive golf balls.

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6 13. Apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein a  
7 holder is provided under said apertures, the holder  
8 being adapted to hold golf balls therein.

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10 14. Apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the  
11 holder is formed integrally with the putting  
12 portion.

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14 15. Apparatus as claimed in either claim 13 or 14,  
15 wherein in use, the distance between the stance-  
16 board and the apertures is variable.

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18 16. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 7 to  
19 15, wherein the contacting portion is adapted to be  
20 rolled up for storage.

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22 17. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 7 to  
23 16, wherein the support portion includes a storage  
24 area that is shaped to receive the stance board for  
25 storage when the apparatus is not in use.

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27 18. Apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim,  
28 wherein each of the first and second adjustment  
29 means comprises spacers which are adapted to be  
30 joined or stacked together to space the body portion  
31 away from a resting surface.

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1 19. Apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein the  
2 spacers comprise a base portion and an engagement  
3 means, the engagement means being adapted to engage  
4 with corresponding engagement means provided on the  
5 body portion.

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7 20. Apparatus as claimed in claim 19, wherein the  
8 engagement means comprises a rib and slot.

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10 21. Apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein  
11 the rib is adapted to be orientated to engage with  
12 the slot or alternatively to prevent it from  
13 engaging with the slot in order to vary the vertical  
14 height of the body portion.

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16 22. Apparatus as claimed in claim 19, wherein the  
17 engagement means is a conical portion provided on  
18 the spacer.

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20 23. Apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim,  
21 wherein the body portion comprises rails adapted to  
22 resist movement of golf balls thereover.